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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: UN OFFICIAL LIU TOLD MISOFF THAT UN
SECRETARIAT HAS UNDER WAY STUDY OF HOW UNFICYP BUDGET
MIGHT BE REDUCED. LIU ADDED THAT GIVEN RECENT DEVELOP-
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MENTS IN CYPRUS REQUIREMENTS OF UNFICYP MISSION WOULD
PROBABLY NEED REDEFINITION. LIU PROVIDED ON CONFIDENTIAL
BASIS HIS JANUARY TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR CYPRUS AND
MIDDLE EAST. END SUMMARY.

2. UN POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOU-TCHIN LIU (OFFICE OF THE
UNDER SYG FOR SPEICIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS) IN CONVERSATION

WITH MISOFF JANUARY 6 SAID SECRETARIAT WAS ENGAGED ALREADY IN STUDY OF WAYS TO REDUCE UNFICYP BUDGET. LIU COMMENTED THAT WITH REDUCTION OF UNFICYP ACTIVITIES IN NORTH OF CYPRUS AS RESULT OF DWINDLING GREEK POPULATION, UN WOULD BE REVIEWING UNFICYP MISSION REQUIREMENTS. A REDUCTION IN REQUIREMENTS WOULD OF COURSE SUGGEST REDUCED PERSONNEL NEEDS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ON CONTINUED FINNISH PARTICIPATION IN UNFICYP, LIU SAID THAT FRANKLY OPERATION OF FORCE WOULD NOT BE IMPAIRED IF FINNISH TROOPS, NUMBERING 277 IN DECEMBER, WERE WITHDRAWN. LIU STRESSED, HOWEVER, HOPE THAT FINNS WOULD NOT PULL OUT. THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL ISSAEVITCH, WHO ADDED HE EXPECTED FINNS TO PULL OUT IF UN UNABLE TO PROVIDE THEM MORE TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXTRA AND EXTRAORDINARY COSTS INCURRED IN UNFICYP. ALSO, DANES, SWEDES, AND CANADIANS IN PARTICULAR ARE PRESSING UN HARD TO REIMBURSE THEM FOR SIMILAR COSTS. LAST PAYMENT BY UN TO ANY TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WAS LAST FALL WHEN UN COMPLETED PAYMENT IN FULL FOR COSTS INCURRED BY CONTRIBUTORS THROUGH JUNE 30, 1973. GIVEN SIZE OF UNFICYP DEFICIT (CURRENTLY IN EXCESS OF \$40 MILLION) AND CONTINUED SHORTFALL IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEET FORCE COSTS, AS WELL AS UN REQUIREMENT TO FIRST USE AVAILABLE FUNDS TO MEET IT OWN OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO FORCE, UN DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER PAYMENTS TO TROOP CONTRIBUTORS UNTIL ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECEIVED. UN EXPECTS UNFICYP COSTS TO INCREASE ANOTHER \$2 MILLION OR SO THIS YEAR DUE TO COST OF INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSUMING PRESENT COMPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT IS MAINTAINED. ISSAEVITCH EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD CONTINUE, IF NOT INCREASE, IT CURRENT LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP WHICH CUMULATIVELY REPRESENT ABOUT 38 PERCENT (\$95.3 MILLION) OF TOTAL COSTS (\$249.6 MILLION) AND 47 PERCENT OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (\$204.9 MILLION).

4. ON QUERY OF COSTS/EFFECTIVENESS STUDY OF UNFICYP, WHICH WAS POSED HYPOTHETICALLY, LIU SAID HE SAW MERIT IN SUCH, BUT IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT CALCULATING COSTS OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT SINCE VARIOUS INTANGIBLES, SUCH AS PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECT OF TROOP PRESENCE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY. LIU CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT SYG WAS NO LONGER TAKING RESTRAINED POSITION BUT WAS NOW "OUTSPOKEN" WITH REGARD TO IMPACT ON UNFICYP IF DEFICIT CONTINUED UNREDRESSED. HE SAID HE HOPED ALL CONTRIBUTING NATIONS WOULD LOOK TO WAYS TO INCREASE THEIR DONATIONS.

5. LIU ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS GAVE US HIS APPROXIMATE TRAVEL PLANS TO CYPRUS AND MIDDLE EAST FOR "INTERNAL TRIP." HE ASKED THAT HIS ITINERARY BE PROTECTED. JANUARY 17 - NICOSIA; JANUARY 20 - JERUSALEM, JANUARY 22-24 - DAMASCUS AND CAIRO. (COMMENT LIU IS KNOWN AS UNUSUALLY COUTIOUS MAN, BUT IN DEFERENCE TO HIS REQUEST USUN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSIES HOLDING CLOSELY THIS INFORMATION.)
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